

The Amendment after the Final rejection on 2/26/10 will be entered.; the Final rejection has been withdrawn.

**Examiner's Amendment and Reasons of Allowance**

The Status of Claims

Claims 43-49 are pending.

Claims 43-49 are allowable.

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with an attorney of record, Sharon M. Walker on 3/8/10 .

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 43, line 15, on page 2 (the amendment dated on 02/26/10), the chemical name “ -- 1-methyl-3-hexyl imadazolium--” is replaced with another chemical name “1-methyl-3-hexyl imidazolium” .

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

- The rejection of Claims 43, 58-59, 62, and 65 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, has been withdrawn due to the modifications and the cancellation of the claims.
- The rejection of Claims 1,7, 23-24,26,27,31,34,37,39,41,42,51, 57, 60-61, and 63-64 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated clearly by Kissa (US 4,063,889) has been withdrawn due to the cancellation of the claims.
- The rejection of Claims 1,7, 23-25,26,27,30-33,34,37,39,41, and 63-64 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bratescu et al (US 6,306,805) has been withdrawn due to the cancellation of the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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